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Title: Menace of bird flu in Assam.

DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA : Sir, I am going to raise a very important issue regarding spread of bird flu in Assam.

MR. SPEAKER: That is why I called your name as one of the first names. But you were not there.

DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA : Thank you very much, Sir.

Sir, the bird flu, which has taken an endemic form in Assam, has spread to almost all the districts of the State, mostly in the districts of Kamrup, Barpeta, Nalbari, Chirang, Dibrugarh, Lakhimpur, Goalpura, Sibsagar and many other districts.

More than 3.5 lakh birds have to be culled. Some Rapid Action Squads have already been working there, but still the number of the Rapid Action Squads is very limited. Therefore, I feel that the Government of India should take special care on this issue because it is a communicable disease. There is every chance of spreading it to the human being.

I would, therefore, appeal to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and also the Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India, to send special expert team to control over the situation because it is getting spread from the migrated birds. There is national as well as international migration of birds, which is very important.

I would again request the Government to take special and immediate action on this particular problem to save the State of Assam from this menace.

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Ganesh Singh. I would have called you earlier if you had not gone on disturbing.

श्री गणेश सिंह (सतना) : आपने मेहरबानी की, धन्यवाद।

MR. SPEAKER: All right. You cannot dictate to me at what time I would call you.

श्री गणेश सिंह : अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं हमेशा आपके आदेश का पालन करता हूं।...(व्यवधान)

अध्यक्ष महोदय: आप चुप रह कर आदेश का पालन करिए, चिल्ला कर नहीं।